

Workplan for ambulatory surgical center issues

ISSUE: In developing a payment update recommendation for ambulatory surgical center services, we plan to look at various indicators of payment adequacy.

KEY POINTS:

During this meeting we will discuss:

- Trends in Medicare spending for ASC services and recent changes to the list of procedures payable by Medicare in ASCs;
- Planned analyses to support our payment update recommendation for FY 2005; and
- Preliminary data on growth in the number of ASCs and their geographic distribution.

ACTION: Staff would appreciate feedback on the workplan.

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